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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

*Military Family Action Plan**

**Military Family Action Plan*
(MFAP) Conference**
Scheduled for 27 September
Issue Cards Due 20 September

Have a great idea? See something that needs to be changed? Then here's your chance! All service members, civilians, spouses and other family members are urged to participate.

The MFAP solicits input from military communities and families, seeks to find solutions, and when appropriate, forwards issues up the chain of command. By using the form on page 4, you can offer YOUR ideas and solutions.

MFAP works! If you wondering whether or not anyone really uses your input, take a look at some of the changes made as a result of MFAP:

Service members' group life insurance increased from \$50,000 to \$200,000;

Basic allowance for housing increased by 11% - part of a plan to eliminate out-of-pocket housing costs by 2005;

A military savings plan was authorized and implemented in 2002;

Army/Military Emergency Relief provides grants in overseas locations to assist with financial aid for spouses to pursue undergraduate, vocational/ technical, high school completion, and English as a second language studies;

A DOD Reserve Component family member ID card was established;

A vehicle can be stored at government expense when a soldier is reassigned to an area where shipment isn't authorized;

Family Separation Allowance was increased from \$75 to \$100 per month;

Temporary Lodging Expense was authorized for first term enlisted personnel and is being pursued for first term officers;

Family Support Groups were institutionalized;

Programs like Army Family Team building (AFTB) and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) were born.

Please keep in mind that MFAP is not a complaint forum. If you have a complaint, it is usually best resolved with comment cards or by speaking directly to a manager.

Let your voice be heard. Complete the form on page 4 and return to Ms. Mary Ortiz via fax at 305 437-2672.

We Need YOU! **Volunteer For the** **MFAP Conference**

We can't do it without you!
We need Delegates, Observers,
Recorders and Administrative
Assistants. 40 Volunteers
are needed.

To volunteer for YOUR MFAP
Conference on 27 September,
please contact Ms. Mary Ortiz
at 305 437-2667 or
ortizm@hq.southcom.mil

**MFAP is modeled after AFAP, Army Family Action Plan.*

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

1 - Deadline for Universal Studios and Kennedy Space Center, Wednesday

3 - Training Holiday, Friday



4 - Universal Studios
Saturday, 6am-7pm \$52Adults/
\$42Children

6 - Labor Day, Monday

9 - Military Emergency Financial Assistance
Thursday, 9-9:30am, USAG-M

10 - Newcomers Briefing, Friday, 8am-Noon
USAG-M Conference Room

First Termers Finance, 1-3pm
USAG-M Conference Room

17 - Miami Tour, Friday, 9am-3:30pm
Meet at USAG-M



18 - Kennedy Space Center
Saturday, 6am-7pm, \$26Adults/
\$16 Children

20 - Military Family Action Plan (MFAP) ISSUE CARDS DUE

24 - Commander's Cup Golf Tournament
Friday, 6:30am-2pm, Grand Palms Country Club
Pembroke Pines

27 - MFAP Conference
Monday, 9am-5pm, Firefighter's Memorial Bldg.

29 - Maximizing Upper Body Training
Wednesday, Noon, Headquarters
Conference Room 1403

30 - Checkbook Management
Thursday, 9-10:30am
USAG-M Conference Room

OCTOBER

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH and INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES RECOGNITION MONTH

1 - Newcomers Briefing
Friday, 8am-Noon
USAG-M Conference Room

First Termers Finance, 1-3pm
USAG-M Conference Room

2 - Kayaking, Saturday
Biscayne National Park, Info TBA



5 - Child Abuse & Neglect Video
Tuesday, 9-11:30am, USAG-M ID Office

7 - Miami Tour
Thursday, 7 October, 9am-3:30pm
Meet at USAG-M

Early Childhood STEP Session I
Thursday, 9:30-10:30am
USAG - Room #15

8 - Training Holiday, Friday

11 - Columbus Day, Monday

12 - Children and Domestic Violence Video,
Tuesday, 9-11:30am, USAG ID Office

14 - Early Childhood STEP Session II
Thursday, 9:30-10:30am, USAG-M, Room #15

15 - Pre-Separation Briefing
Friday, 8am-3:30pm, USAG-M

19 - Men and Domestic Violence Video
Tuesday, 9-11:30am, USAG-M ID Office

20 - 21 TAP Workshop
Wednesday, 8:00am-4pm, South Florida Workforce

20 - 23 DeCA/AAFES Tent Sale
Wednesday - Sunday, HQ Parking Lot

21 - Credit Repair and Debt Reduction
Thursday, 9-11am
USAG-M Conference Room

Early Childhood STEP Session III
9:30-10:30am, USAG-M, Room #15

24 - ARMY 10-Miler
Sunday, Washington, D.C.

26 - Women and Domestic Violence Video
Tuesday, 9-11:30am, USAG-M ID Office

27 - Benefits of Cross Training
Wednesday, Noon, Headquarters
Conference Room 2412

28 - Early Childhood STEP Session IV
Thursday, 9:30-10:30am
USAG-M, Room #15

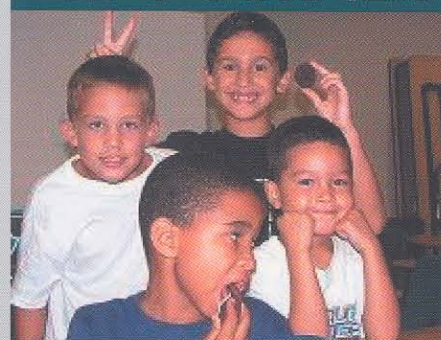


31 - Happy Halloween, Sunday

*All ITR tickets are subject to a \$10 fee per person

To report suspected child abuse/neglect or spouse abuse, contact Family Advocacy at 305 437-3086. After duty hours contact 305 437-4900

KID'S CORNER



USSOUTHCOM Campers Camp it Up

WHAT'S UP AT USSOUTHCOM



**Combined Federal
Campaign Funds
Help Needy**

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the annual fund-raising drive conducted by Federal employees in their workplace each fall. Every year, Federal employees and military personnel raise millions of dollars through the CFC that benefit thousands of non-profit charities.

Last year, U.S. Southern Command's local and overseas campaigns raised in excess of \$159,000. Most, if not all, of this amount was given to youth activity programs, deserving national and international charities, and to those service members who were in need at overseas locations. This year, we ask your assistance in continuing the CFC tradition of commitment and compassion by earnestly considering the charitable opportunities available through this worthwhile program. Your support truly makes a world of difference to those in need.

Watch for the CFC kick-off this fall. If you have questions or require additional CFC related materials, please contact your CFC Unit Representative or the CFC Community Area/Project Officer, Mr. Rich Zimmermann at (305) 437-2645.

COMMANDER'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR 24 SEPTEMBER

Take out those clubs, hit the links and get ready to compete in the Commander's Cup at the Grand Palms Country Club in Pembroke Pines. Teams and individuals should sign up by directorate at the Information, Tickets and Registration Office, #1303A, Headquarters (305) 437-1595, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.) Deadline to sign up is 17 September. Many thanks to **ManTech International** and **Ocean Bank**, our annual sponsors, for helping make this event possible. (Sponsorship does not imply endorsement.)

Cost to play:

E-4 / GS 4 and below	\$25.00
E5 - E7/GS5 - GS7	\$30.00
E8 and above, GS 9 - 11	\$35.00
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04-06, GS 12-15	\$40.00
07 and above/SES/ Contractors	\$45.00

Ice Age Arrives at US Army

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<http://lice.disa.mil/>

Customer comments are a mouse-click away – now you can send your comments or suggestions to a program manager by going to <http://lice.disa.mil/>. Click on Army CONUS, US Army Garrison-Miami, select a category from the list, and click on the info column to see service provider information such as hours of operation, phone numbers, and upcoming events. Click on the service provider list to fill out a comment card and with a click of the mouse, you can send it immediately to the manager of the service. ICE is the difference between the speed of paper and the speed of electrons!

Fond Farewell to Toni Hill

In her two years at USSOUTHCOM, Mrs. Hill devoted much of her time to Quality of Life issues. Many thanks for her dedicated efforts

in the down range Army Family Team Building and master trainers program, education program and overall volunteer programs. Mrs. Hill was instrumental in signing Memorandums of Agreements (MOAs) with the Miami-Dade and the Broward School Districts. The MOAs address primarily the high school related transition challenges of military children.

DOD FORMS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

Domestic violence, as in civilian life, is a common occurrence in the military. It occurs often enough for the Department of Defense (DOD) to make it an issue of specific concern by forming a national task force to review and evaluate current family violence programs and policies associated with domestic violence in the military. The task force, the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence, is charged with formulating a long-term strategic plan to assist the DOD in addressing domestic violence matters.

"Domestic violence in the military adversely affects unit readiness. We must make every possible effort to establish effective programs to prevent domestic violence, but when it does occur, we have a duty to protect the victims and take appropriate action to hold offenders accountable."

Findings, recommendations and information on the task force can be found at <http://www.dtic.mil/domesticviolence/> or by calling Directorate for Public Communication, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs at (703) 697-5737.

If It All Blows Away Tomorrow

Should a natural disaster like Hurricane Charley affect our community, USAG-Miami is prepared to activate its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Florida Inter-service Family Assistance Committee (FISFAC). The FISFAC empowers USAG-Miami to request and temporarily detail trained Family Support personnel from bases throughout the state during contingencies that affect our community. The Garrison signed the MOA in June 2003.



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2003 MFAP Issue Status

COLA – Elevated, Active
Education Center Lack of Funds – Unattainable at this time
Florida Insurance – Elevated, Active
High Gas Prices – Active
MWR Activities – Active
Youth Programs – Active
Financial Issues Turnaround Time – Active
Spouse Employment Program – Active
Miami Commissary – Inactive
Lottery System for Children to Attend Charter Schools – Active
Tri-Care Concerns – Active
Public School Districts – Active, School Liaison Officer hired
Education/Tuition Assistance – Completed and Unattainable
Contingency Plan for Evacuating Miami Family Members – Active
Advance Hurricane Awareness for Family Members – Active
 trainings held Oct/Nov 03, May/Jun 04
Family Support Services Spread Out at Too Many Locations – Active
Transportation – Spouses Unable to Afford 2nd Car – Unattainable

Key - Active – Identified issues with developed action plans assigned to a lead and support agency to resolve.

Completed – issues with completed action plans.

Unattainable – issues deleted by the installation steering committee that did not meet requirements for validation or cost effectiveness.

Elevated – Issues advanced to a higher level by installation steering committee.

MILITARY FAMILY ACTION PLAN (MFAP) CONFERENCE ISSUE CARD 27 SEPTEMBER 2004

Your input is essential! If you or someone you know at USSOUTHCOM has an issue you wish to be considered at the MFAP Conference, please complete the form below and return to Ms. Mary Ortiz.

Ways to Submit Issue Cards:

- * Via facsimile - 305 437-2672
 - * Email - ortizm@hq.southcom.mil
 - * Shotgun - USAG-MWR
 - * U.S. Mail - USSOUTHCOM, USAG-MWR, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33172
 - * Drop boxes at the Fitness Center, the ITR Office and US Army Garrison, 8300 NW 33rd Street
- Thank You.

1. CLEARLY STATE ISSUE OR PROBLEM: (What Is The Problem?)

2. SCOPE: (Briefly Explain Why This Issue Is A Problem.)

3. SUGGESTED SOLUTION: (Recommendation For Change.)

Please provide your contact information in the event the issue you provide needs clarification

Name _____ Telephone _____

*Please Clip and Return

SPOUSES CORNER

USSOUTHCOM Community Information Meeting (SCCIM).

SCCIM is held the first week of each month. Zip Code Coffee Group Coordinators disseminate information from the SCCIM to the zip code coffee groups. All spouses are encouraged to submit concerns/issues to your area zip code coordinator. The purpose is to share ideas and make living in South Florida an enriching experience. Upcoming meetings: 1000hrs, 8300 NW 33rd Street (Air Jamaica Building) Conference Room. POC: Mary Ortiz 305 437-2667.

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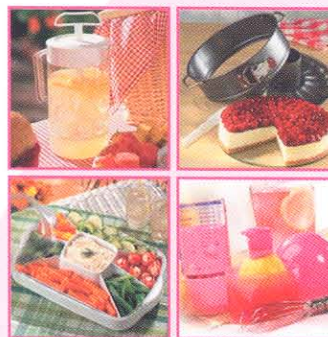
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(POC - Ms. Estes)

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